



SAICM/UCT Lead in Paint (LiP) Community of Practice (CoP)

Discussion Forum

Title	Steps toward adoption of national lead paint laws
Date	9 July 2020
Time	14:00 - 15:30 SAST (GMT +2)
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Presenter	Ms Angela Bandemehr, US EPA, Chair of the Lead Paint Alliance
Chair	Ms Maxine Brassell, MPH Student, UCT, South Africa

Format of how the discussion will operate:

- To participate in this discussion, sign up at:
<https://chemicalswithoutconcern.org/community>
- Should you require assistance or have questions, contact: uctcops@outlook.com
- This live discussion will be run in Microsoft Teams in the chat section on the set day. You will receive instructions prior to the discussion
- The discussion will take place in the chat section of MS Teams. Members will introduce themselves upon arrival into the chat room.
- The discussion presenter may briefly present a verbal introduction with the assumption that members have read the text below. In some cases, presenters will provide a voiced over PowerPoint introduction before the discussion.
- Three questions will be posted during the 1 ½ hour discussion with each receiving 30 minutes. The presenter/s will address questions and statements posted by members but the intention is that others will respond as well.
- All are welcome to join the discussion which will be held in English. Feel free to write in another language if you are struggling with English and members will assist where possible.

Instructions for joining this discussion on the set date:

This discussion will be held in **Microsoft (MS) Teams**.

- After joining the CoP, a link to this discussion will be circulated to you via email and sent out as an Outlook calendar invite.
- If your organisation already has MS Teams, you will need to switch from your organisations MS Teams to your University of Cape Town Guest Teams account in the following manner:
 - a. You can do this by going into your MS Teams and navigating to the top right corner of the page to where your profile picture is
 - b. Here you should see the name of your organisation and small arrow indicating a drop-down menu
 - c. Click on this arrow and choose “University of Cape Town”
- Find the email sent to you with the MS Teams link to this discussion.
- Click the link that says, “Join Microsoft Teams Meeting” and you should be taken into the discussion.

If you have not received an email with the link, make sure you are signed up for the Lead in Paint Community of Practice or send an email to: uctcops@outlook.com

PRESENTER BIOSKETCH

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Angela Bandemehr is a senior international environmental program manager in Office of Global Affairs and Policy of the Office of International and Tribal Affairs at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, where she has been working for 20 years on establishing and implementing effective international partnerships and projects to address global environmental issues. US EPA is the Chair of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint. She has a Masters of Science in Environmental Engineering from Michigan State University.



DISCUSSION INTRODUCTION

The development and adoption of lead paint laws is critical to the successful elimination of lead paint in a country. The **Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint** or **Lead Paint Alliance** (see: <https://www.unenvironment.org/explore-topics/chemicals-waste/what-we-do/emerging-issues/global-alliance-eliminate-lead-paint>) outlines a series of steps towards laws which have been helpful in countries that have adopted laws – that is, the **Steps Towards Laws Fact Sheet** (see Resources below). Each country may experience unique challenges when it comes to developing and adopting lead paint laws and country context is extremely important to consider. Countries will need to consider how to address the technical process of drafting a law and may also wish to encourage the engagement of stakeholders and to raise public awareness.

Considering these steps, this discussion will address the following questions for members to discuss to learn from each other's experiences and support the development of relevant laws:

- 1) What steps toward adopting lead paint laws have been taken in your country? Stakeholder engagement? Development of a law? Awareness raising?
- 2) What are some challenges and opportunities you have encountered in your country when it has come to adopting lead paint laws? What do you think works or doesn't work?
- 3) What are some accomplishments and lessons learned in carrying out any of these steps?

The intention is to address these questions as a group and to problem-solve for the country-specific challenges.

QUESTION 1 (30 mins) 14:00 – 14:30

Background: The Lead Paint Alliance “Suggested Steps Toward Laws” fact sheet outlines a series of steps towards laws which have been helpful in countries that have adopted laws. The steps include: awareness raising, development of laws, and stakeholder engagement.

Question 1: What steps toward adopting lead paint laws have been taken in your country? Include details of stakeholder engagement, development of a law and any awareness raising activities.

Resources/Information for the Discussion:

- ✓ **Suggested Steps toward laws fact sheet.**

<https://www.unenvironment.org/resources/factsheet/suggested-steps-establishing-lead-paint-law>



QUESTION 2 (30 mins) 14:30 – 15:00

Background: The Lead Paint Alliance has identified challenges and opportunities including those shared by participants in regional lead paint workshops held in 2019: Challenges include: need to engage all key ministries, determining appropriate legal framework for a lead paint law. Opportunities include: Existing support from industry in some countries; civil society support is helpful; momentum increasing across the regions.

Question 2: What are some challenges and opportunities you have faced in your country when it has come to adopting lead paint laws? What has worked and what has not worked?

Resources/Information for the Discussion:

- ✓ *Regional Workshops on Lead Paint in 2019:*
<http://www.saicm.org/Implementation/GEFProject/LeadInPaintComponent/Output12/tabid/7975/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

QUESTION 3 (30 mins) 15:00 – 15:30

Background: The Lead Paint Alliance has observed the following successful strategies in its work with countries and stakeholders. These include: Identify vibrant NGOs and industry champions to support effort, help paint manufacturers understand reformulation is possible, use Model Law and Guidance for Regulating Lead Paint to draft a law, determine appropriate ministries to be in charge of developing and implementing a lead paint law.

Question 3: What are some accomplishments and lessons learned in carrying out any of these steps? What are two key pieces of advice you would give to other countries implementing lead paint laws?

Resources/Information for the Discussion:

- ✓ *Lead Paint Alliance FAQs:* <https://www.unenvironment.org/explore-topics/chemicals-waste/what-we-do/emerging-issues/global-alliance-eliminate-lead-paint-2>
- ✓ *Regional Workshops on Lead Paint in 2019:*
<http://www.saicm.org/Implementation/GEFProject/LeadInPaintComponent/Output12/tabid/7975/language/en-US/Default.aspx>



BLOG Post Instructions for those who cannot attend the live discussion

Should you not be able to attend the discussion when it is scheduled to happen but still wish to contribute, post your answers/comments as a Wiki post in the MS Team channel for this discussion.

Instructions on how to post a Wiki post in MS Teams:

When you answer please indicate your name and the country you are based in.

Instructions on how to post a Wiki post in MS Teams:

1. Open up MS Teams and navigate to the 'Lead in Paint Community of Practice' Team. Click on it to enter the Team.
2. When you are in the 'Lead in Paint Community of Practice' Team, look for the channel with the date and title corresponding to the discussion you would like to contribute to (i.e. "09.07.2020 – Discussion 1"). Click on this channel.
3. Look at the top of the page just under the search bar for the tab called 'Blog posts'. Click on this tab.
4. Look for the page with the date and name of the discussion you would like to contribute to and click on that page.
5. There is an example blog post at the top of this page to show how you could structure your blog post.
6. Beneath the example blog post (or the previous person's blog post, should someone else have written a blog post before you) look for the purple plus sign (+) that says 'Add a new section here'. Click the plus sign (+)
7. Title your section with your name and country.
8. Below the title it should say 'Your content goes here', add your answers and contributions for the discussion there.
9. These answers and contributions will be copied and pasted into the live discussion chat for all participants to see and respond to.